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1. MISSION AND GOM ARE TO BE COMMENDED FOR CONCLUDING SUCCESSFULLY FIRST LONG RANGE PLANNING REGARDING AVIATION MAINTENANCE. IN GENERAL WE ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE ACTIONS PROPOSED. OUR SPECIFIC COMMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
(1). WHILE WE CONCUR IN THE FOUR YEAR CONTRACT, WE CANNOT MAKE A FIRM COMMITMENT FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE ENTIRE PERIOD. A COMMITMENT OF THE FIRST TWO YEAR'S FUNDING IS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER; FUTURE FUNDING WOULD DEPEND UPON OUR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EVALUATION OF HOW THE PROGRAM IS PROGRESSING, CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATION OF REQUIRED FUNDING, ETC. WE WOULD WANT PROVISION IN THE AGREEMENT FOR ANNUAL JOINT EVALUATION ON PROGRAM PROGRESS.

(2). WE NOTE IN PROPOSED FUNDING A RISING ESTIMATE OF SPARE PARTS OVER THE FOUR YEAR PERIOD. DURING THIS SAME PERIOD

WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT FOR THE AG TO BEGIN TO BUDGET FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE AND BY THE END OF THE FOURTH YEAR TO BE IN A POSITION TO MAINTAIN ITS ENTIRE AIR OPERATIONS, INCLUDING SPARES, WITH ITS OWN RESOURCES.

(3). WE ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH PARA 5 AND WOULD ANTICIPATE USG INVOLVEMENT IN REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) PREPARATION, BID EVALUATION, SELECTION NEGOTIATION AND APPROVAL OF HOST COUNTRY CONTRACT. WE WOULD ALSO WISH TO PUBLICIZE RFP IN DEPT. COMMERCE BUSINESS DAILY TO INSURE THAT ALL AMERICAN FIRMS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BID. (SEE FOLLOWING PARA). WE DO QUESTION WHETHER SIX MONTHS IS SUFFICIENT TIME TO TRAIN GOM DESIGNATED CONTRACT OFFICER TO MANAGE AND IMPLEMENT A CONTRACT OF THIS SIZE AND COMPLEXITY. ONE YEAR WOULD APPEAR MORE APPROPRIATE AND SUCH A PERSON COULD BE PROVIDED UNDER A PSC. HALL HAS RECOMMENDED ART ELDER. MISSION VIEW REQUESTED.

(4). WHILE WE RECOGNIZE PHI WOULD BE QUALIFIED AS CONTRACTOR, WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THERE ARE PROBABLY SEVERAL OTHER FIRMS WHICH WOULD ALSO BE QUALIFIED. IN VIEW OF TOTAL PRICE OF CONTRACT AND INTEREST ALREADY EXPRESSED BY OTHER POTENTIAL CONTRACTORS, WE CAN FIND NO JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE. IF THE AIR SERVICES SECTION CANNOT EXIST WITHOUT SOME CONTRACTOR IN PLACE FOR PERIOD OF ONE-TWO MONTHS, AS WE HAD BEEN LED TO BELIEVE EARLIER, WE THEN PROPOSE WE MAKE AN ATTEMPT TO EXTEND BELL FOR TWO MONTHS. WE BELIEVE THIS SHOULD BE DONE PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF RFP TO AVOID POSSIBILITY BELL MAY DECIDE IT NOT IN ITS INTERESTS TO EXTEND. WE ARE CURRENTLY ASSESSING THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POTENTIAL FUNDING REQUIREMENTS FOR TWO MONTHS EXTENSION. IF ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUIRED, BELIEVE SEPARATE AGREEMENT COVERING ONLY THIS ITEM COULD BE SIGNED QUICKLY AND CONTRACT EXTENSION HANDLED EXPEDITIOUSLY. REQUEST MISSION VIEWS ABOVE.

(5). RE-FUNDING OF TDY CONTRACT/LEGAL ADVISOR AND CONTRACT OFFICER REP, TDY WOULD BE NO COST TO PROJECT. FUNDS AVAILABLE IN MARCH 77 AGREEMENT PROBABLY INSUFFICIENT FOR ONE YEAR PSC. IN ANY EVENT WE STILL HOPE AG WILL ACCEPT GENERAL ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE FOR OVERALL AG OFFICE OPERATIONS IN LIGHT HIS EARLIER EXPRESEED INTEREST AND LATER DISCUSSIONS THIS SUBJECT. THEREFORE, WE PROPOSE TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR CONTRACT OFFICER REPRESENTATIVE IN AGREEMENT COVERING MAINTENANCE SERVICES. DECONTROL MAY 13, 1978. CHRISTOPHER

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